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SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT AND REMARKS BY PRESIDENT
CARTER AND PRESIDENT SADAT AT END OF SADAT VISIT

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT

RELEASED TODAY AFTER THE FINAL MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT
SADAT AND PRESIDENT CARTER AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

BEGIN TEXT

PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT SADAT CONTINUED THEIR
TALKS TODAY IN THE SAME SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND OPEN-
NESS WHICH CHARACTERIZED THEIR STAY TOGETHER AT CAMP
DAVID OVER THE WEEKEND. THE HOURS THEY HAVE SPENT
TOGETHER, BOTH ALONE AND WITH THEIR ADVISERS, HAVE PROVID-
ED THE ESSENTIAL OPPORTUNITY BOTH SOUGHT FOR A RELAXED
AND THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. THEY
HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE MUTUAL TRUST AND UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THEM, WHICH WERE REINFORCED BY THESE MEETINGS,
WILL BE EXTREMELY USEFUL IN HELPING TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM
TOWARD THEIR COMMON GOAL OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

DURING THE COURSE OF THEIR MEETINGS OVER THE PAST FIVE
DAYS, PRESIDENT CARTER REAFFIRMED TO PRESIDENT SADAT
THE BROAD PRINCIPLES WHICH UNDERLIE UNITED STATES
PARTICIPATION IN THE SEARCH FOR THAT PEACE:

--THE UNITED STATES WILL REMAIN FAITHFUL TO ITS
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HISTORIC COMMITMENTS TO THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL AND TO
THE RIGHT OF EVERY STATE IN THE AREA TO LIVE IN PEACE
WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES.

--HELPING THE PARTIES ACHIEVE A NEGOTIATED COMPREHENSIVE
SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT REMAINS OF
HIGHEST IMPORTANCE IN AMERICAN POLICY, AND PRESIDENT
CARTER WILL SPARE NO EFFORT IN SEEKING WAYS TO MOVE THE
PEACE PROCESS FORWARD.

--A PEACE SETTLEMENT MUST GO BEYOND THE MERE TERMINATION
OF BELLIGERENCY. IT MUST PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF NORMAL PEACEFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ITS
NEIGHBORS.

--THE PEACE SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE COMPREHENSIVE AND SHOULD
BE EMBODIED IN PEACE TREATIES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EACH
OF ITS NEIGHBORS.

--THE SETTLEMENT MUST BE BASED ON ALL THE PRINCIPLES OF
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242, INCLUDING WITHDRAWAL
OF ISRAELI ARMED FORCES FROM TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN
1967 AND THE RIGHT OF EVERY STATE IN THE AREA TO LIVE IN
PEACE WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES.
RESOLUTION 242 IS APPLICABLE TO ALL FRONTS OF THE
CONFLICT.

--THERE CAN BE NO JUST AND LASTING PEACE WITHOUT
RESOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM.

THE PRESIDENT REAFFIRMED WHAT HE SAID AT HIS MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT SADAT IN ASWAN JANUARY 4: THERE MUST BE
A RESOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IN ALL ITS
ASPECTS; IT MUST RECOGNIZE THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND ENABLE THE PALESTINIANS TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE DETERMINATION OF THEIR OWN FUTURE.
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PRESIDENT CARTER ALSO REAFFIRMED THE LONGSTANDING UNITED
STATES VIEW THAT ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED
TERRITORY ARE CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND AN
OBSTACLE TO PEACE, AND THAT FURTHER SETTLEMENT
ACTIVITY WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE EFFORT TO REACH
A PEACE SETTLEMENT.

PRESIDENT SADAT AFFIRMED THAT THE DOOR REMAINS OPEN TO
NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT EGYPT WILL CONTINUE TO DO ITS PART
TO ASSURE CONTINUITY IN THIS NEGOTIATING PROCESS IN AN

ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO TANGIBLE PROGRESS.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS ALSO SPENT SOME TIME REVIEWING
THE CURENT SITUATION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA AND AGREED
THAT CONTINUING CONFLICT AND INSTABILITY THERE ARE OF
CONCERN TO THEM BOTH. PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT
SADAT HAVE AGREED TO CONSULT WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ON THIS
MATTER.

FINALLY, THE TWO PRESIDENTS COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO
REMAIN IN CLOSE PERSONAL TOUCH THROUGH DIRECT CORRESPON-
DENCE AND DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. IN THIS WAY THEY ARE
DETERMINED TO ENSURE CONTINUING FULL UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THEM BOTH IN THE PEACE PROCESS AND IN BILATERAL
RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE UNITED STATES.

END TEXT

2. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF REMARKS OF PRESIDENT CARTER
UPON THE DEPARTURE OF PRESIDENT SADAT FROM THE WHITE
HOUSE TODAY:
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IT HAS BEEN A PERSONAL PLEASURE FOR ME AND ROSALYNN TO
HAVE PRESIDENT SADAT AND HIS BEAUTIFUL WIFE, JIHAN, AND
ALL THEIR FINE FAMILY WITH US IN OUR COUNTRY FOR THE
LAST FEW DAYS.

MY TALKS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT FOR MANY HOURS HAS GIVEN ME A CLEAR CONCEPT OF HIS OWN CONCERNS AT THIS IMPORTANT MOMENT IN THE PEACE PROCESS. WE BOTH SHARE A DETERMINATION TO REACH PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AND WE HAVE AGREED TO WORK CLOSELY AND PERSONALLY TOGETHER TO REALIZE THIS GOAL.

I EXPLAINED TO PRESIDENT SADAT AND HE WELL UNDERSTANDS THE DEEP COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL. AND HE SHARES THIS COMMITMENT THAT ISRAEL WILL BE SECURE. WE ALSO DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE NEED TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, EVEN WITH TEMPORARY DISAPPOINTMENT AND DELAYS, TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND A LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

IN HELPING THE PARTIES TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS THAT SEPARATE THEM, THE UNITED STATES WILL BE GUIDED BY THE NEED TO BASE A SETTLEMENT ON THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION 242 ON ALL THE FRONTS. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT A JUST SOLUTION TO THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION IS ESSENTIAL.

PRESIDENT SADAT AND I HAVE AGREED TO STAY IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH ONE ANOTHER IN THE WEEKS AHEAD, AS WE CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

AS WE CONTINUE DOWN THAT PATH, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE WAY IS DIFFICULT. BUT WE TAKE INSPIRATION FROM A VISION OF WHAT CAN BE, OF THE GOAL THAT WE BOTH SEEK, AND WE UNDERSTAND CLEARLY THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STAKES THAT WE SEE INVOLVED IN THIS SEARCH FOR PEACE.

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IF WE CAN SUCCEED IN THIS ENDEAVOR, THERE WILL BE A PEACE FOR AN AREA THAT HAS LONG KNOWN ONLY WAR OR THE THREAT OF WAR; PROSPERITY FOR A PEOPLE WHOSE WEALTH HAS BEEN TOO LONG ALLOCATED TO WEAPONS, WATER AND FERTILIZER AND HARD PRODUCTIVE LABOR IN LANDS AND FIELDS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE BARREN BY WAR OR THE THREAT OF WAR, BY MAN AND BY NATURE; A LIFE FOR CHILDREN WHOSE FUTURE CAN BE DOMINATED BY HOPE AND LIFE RATHER THAN BY CONFLICT AND FEAR OF DEATH

THIS IS A VISION THAT WE SHARE. THERE IS NO NOBLER CALLING ON THIS EARTH THAN THE SEEKING FOR PEACE. FOR IT IS THAT REASON WHICH CAUSED THE BIBLE TO SAY THAT PEACEMAKERS SHALL BE CALLED THE SONS OF GOD.

I AM HONORED TO BE WITH THE WORLD'S FOREMOST PEACEMAKER, PRESIDENT SADAT, AND TO SHARE WITH HIM A PARTNERSHIP IN THIS WORTHY ENDEAVOR.

PRESIDENT SADAT, JIHAN, AND YOUR FAMILY, YOU HAVE BEEN WELCOMED HERE BY ME AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY.

WE ADMIRE YOU DEEPLY AND WE KNOW THAT WITH YOUR HELP
AND WITH YOUR PERSISTENT COOPERATION, YOU, WE, THE
ISRAELIS AND OTHERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST CAN FIND WHAT WE
ALL SEARCH FOR SO DEEPLY, AND THAT IS PERMANENT PEACE
IN THAT TROUBLED PART OF THE WORLD.

3. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S REMARKS
UPON LEAVING THE WHITE HOUSE AFTER HIS FINAL MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT CARTER TODAY.

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MY DEAR FRIEND, PRESIDENT CARTER, MRS. CARTER, WE HAVE
SPENT REALLY A VERY CHARMING WEEKEND TOGETHER IN CAMP
DAVID; PRESIDENT CARTER, ROSALYNN, ME AND JIHAN. AND TO
BE FRANK, I MUST TELL YOU THAT I WAS ELATED WHEN I
RECEIVED THE INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO VISIT
WITH HIM HERE IN SUCH A PRECISE MOMENT LIKE WE WERE IN.

AND I CAME DISHEARTENED, DISCOURAGED. WE HAD LONG
TALKS IN CAMP DAVID AND THEN AFTER THAT, WE HAVE COMPLETED
IT IN WASHINGTON HERE IN THE HOUSE WITH SECRETARY VANCE,
AND I MUST TELL YOU THIS BEFORE I LEAVE: I SHALL RETURN
TODAY BACK TO MY COUNTRY WITH MUCH MORE PERSEVERANCE
FOR REACHING PEACE THROUGH THE EFFORTS THAT WE HAVE
STARTED TOGETHER, THE UNITED STATES AND EGYPT SINCE
NOVEMBER '73, AND WHICH BY GOD'S WILL, WE SHALL ATTAIN
ALL OUR TARGETS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE, PERMANENT
PEACE IN THE AREA.

WE HAVE AGREED TOGETHER, PRESIDENT CARTER AND ME, TO
KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT LIKE WE HAVE BEEN BEFORE; AND LET
ME TELL YOU THIS AGAIN: I MUST EXPRESS MY DEEP
GRATITUDE TO PRESIDENT CARTER, ROSALYNN, AND TO ALL THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THE VERY WARM WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY
AND GENEROSITY THAT WAS ACCORDED TO US.

AND I PROMISE YOU, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHOM I WAS ALWAYS
AND SHALL BE PROUD OF THE SENTIMENTS THAT THEY HAVE
SHOWN TOWARDS ME, LET ME SAY THIS TO THEM, I SHALL NEVER
FAIL YOU.

LIKE I TOLD MY FRIEND, PRESIDENT CARTER, "I SHALL NEVER
FAIL YOU." MAY GOD PROTECT YOU. MAY GOD PROTECT MY DEAR
FRIEND, PRESIDENT CARTER, ROSALYNN AND HIS FAMILY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. VANCE

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